Involvement of non-Governmental Organisations in Welfare of Destitute Children

6209. SYED SIBTEY RAZI; Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Nursery wing of the Home for the abandoned children known as "Palna" run by the Delhi Council for Child Welfare has been opened recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government encourages the Non-Governmental Organisations to involve themselves in activities like looking after destitute children etc.;

(d) whether Goernment propose to take some initiatives in this regard;

(e) whether Government have been requested to make some legislation on adoption of destitute children;

(f) if so, the details thereof and steps taken so far in this direction and if no the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (c) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Old Nursary wing "Palna" of Delhi Council of Child Welfare which was in dilapidated condition was recently renoated and declared open on 16-4-94. This is a Home for abandoned children and it accommodates up to 40 babies aged 0-5 mnnths. The home will also provide isolation facilities for both new arrivals and very sick babies.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government has already launched a scheme for the welfare of Street Children under which grants are sanctione tdo voluntary organisations for the Welfare of Street Children facing destitution, Neglect, abuse and exploitaiton.

(e) Child Welfare Agencies which are associated with adoption programme strongly feel that there is a necessity for bringing out a legislation on adoption.

(f) Attempts made in the past for enacting a legislation for adoption have not fructified in view of strong opposition from some sections of the minorities.

Schemes under the Special Component Plan

6210. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main points of the Special Component Plan submitted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in November 1993 to the Central Government;

(b) what steps Government have taken in each of the schemes; and

(c) whether any budget allocation has been made in the current year's budget and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) The main points of the Special Component Plan submitted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the year 1994-95 are given in the enclosed statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) Sector-wise schemes of the Special Component Plan were discussed in a meeting held on 3rd February, 1994 in the Ministry of Welfare with representatives of the State Government. Suggestions made to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for further recasting of the Special Component Plan are given in enclosed Statement-II (*See* below)

(c) All the Central|Centrally Sponsored schemes under Backward Classes Sector have been provided budget allocation in 1994-95.